

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Rabbani et al.	)	
Serial No.:	08/978,637	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed:	November 25, 1997	)	Examiner: J. Schultz
For:	COMPOSITION OF MATTER COMPRISING PRIMARY NUCLEIC ACID COMPONENT	)	

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April 25, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL AND PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER  
37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application  
in response to the Office Action mailed **February 24, 2005**

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action  
dated **February 24, 2005** be extended for a period of

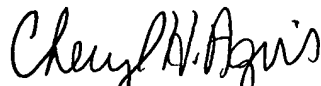
☒ 1 month at a fee of [ ] \$120 for a large entity or ☒ \$60 for a small entity  
entity from **March 24, 2005** to **Monday, April 25, 2005**. The required fee for the  
extension is estimated to be **\$60**.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$60 to deposit  
account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the  
extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization  
hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No.  
05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl M. Agris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" being more prominent.

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